

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

ELIZABETH PEMPEK, on behalf of herself)	
and all other persons similarly situated,)	
known and unknown)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	Case No.: 1:22-cv-04760
)	
v.)	Honorable Franklin U. Valderrama
)	Magistrate Judge Jeffrey I. Cummings
)	
HERCULES FORWARDING, INC., and)	
MELANIE BURNHAM, individually,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Plaintiff Elizabeth Pempek and Defendants Hercules Forwarding, Inc. (“Hercules Forwarding”) and Melanie Burnham (collectively, the “Parties”), submit the following Joint Status Report and state as follows:

1. On June 30, 2023, the Court entered an order granting the Parties until July 21, 2023, to file a Joint Motion for Approval of the Settlement or, alternatively, a Status Report “explaining the delay in settlement.” (Dkt. No. 33).
2. Later that day, on June 30, 2023, two additional opt-in Plaintiffs filed consents and joined the lawsuit. (Dkt. No. 34-1, Dkt. No. 34-2).
3. After further discussions, the Parties have now tentatively reached an agreement for how to include the additional two opt-in Plaintiffs in the settlement that was previously reached during the June 20, 2023 settlement conference.
4. The Parties therefore request an additional 14 days, until August 4, 2023, to file a Joint Motion for Approval of the Settlement.

Dated: July 21, 2023

ELIZABETH PEMPEK

/s/ Ross M. Good (with consent)

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned, an attorney, certifies that on July 21, 2023, she caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing ***Joint Status Report*** to be submitted to the Court and electronically served upon all attorneys of record via email.

/s/ Julia Pearce Argentieri